

A warm welcome to all our new Year 1 children! We hope that you are ready for an exciting adventure as we find out...

Who's Great? What's Great?

How do we know?

Prepare to be wowed and amazed as we find out about great people past and present, use our senses to explore our exciting environment and dive into the wonderful world of festivals and celebrations.

English

Our English lessons will focus on traditional tales, exploring the **greatest tales of all time!** We are beginning with the *Gingerbread Man* before moving on to variety of different stories which will help us to develop our imagination and writing skills. We will be learning to use our phonics more independently to help us spell and read new words as well as learning to use capital letters, full stops and join sentences using 'and'.

Mathematics



The children will begin the term exploring early place value of number, developing their counting skills and understanding of the number system. We will be using lots of new language such as more, less, before, after and between to help children become more familiar with numbers up to 50. We will also begin to explore addition and subtraction, learning methods to help us solve simple sums, whilst taking part in challenges to help develop our reasoning and problem solving skills.



Art / DT

Our understanding of internet safety will be refreshed by discussing ways to stay safe online. We will also use programs to help us create and present our wonderful ideas. The floor robots will help us to understand early programming as we explore different ways to move them.

Paintbrushes at the ready! We have a fun (if not slightly messy) term ahead as we explore paint mixing, and brush techniques. Look out for portraits and harvest art using a range of skills and techniques. After half term we will investigate moving pictures and create an original moving picture Christmas card.

History & Geography

As part of our adventure we will be travelling back in time to learn about the inspirational work of Florence Nightingale. We will explore her work during the Crimean War and her connection to Derbyshire through drama, storytelling and research techniques. We will also be developing the use of historical language when talking about events, using words such as past, present, then and now.



Science

Our exciting adventure will begin by playing games to name and describe body parts. We will become senses detectives to explore our environment in different ways. As Autumn arrives we will look out for changes that occur including weather patterns and investigate rainfall using our own rain gauge.



Other Information

Please ensure your child has a **fresh bottle of water** in school every day and all items of clothing, including PE kit, are clearly marked with your child's name. The children are looking forward to continuing with our Harry Potter reading challenge! They need to read 4 times a week to earn their golden coin. Please remember to sign the diary to show when they have read. Thank you for your continued support with this at home.
Books can be changed on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

Yellow class will do PE on Tuesday and Friday.
Orange class will do PE on Wednesday and Friday.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the school day.

Mrs Buckley and Mrs Smith

RE

In our RE lessons this term we will be focussing on different religious festivals such as Diwali and Christmas and understanding why they are celebrated.

PE

Outdoor PE sessions will focus on invasion games.
Indoor PE sessions will focus on gymnastics.
Please ensure any earrings are removed.

